

### **REMARKS**

The Official Action dated 18 October 2004 has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules.

Claims 1, 7, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Garro (US 6,390,298).

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (US 2004/0188293) in view of Hung (US 5,915,554).

Claims 7, 8, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee-Hung as applied to claims 1 and 2 above, and further in view of Jordan (US 5,547,098).

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garro (US 6,390,298).

Claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Handler et al (US 4,126,366) in view of Murphy (US 3,931,894).

However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that claims 3-6, 9, 10 and 17-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 3 which is indicated to be allowable has been deleted, and has been included into claim 1. Claim 2 to which claim 3 is dependent thereon has also been deleted and has also been included into claim 1.

Claim 4 has been amended to be dependent on the amended

claim 1. Claim 5 is dependent on claim 4.

Claims 6 and 9 which are indicated to be allowable have been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 7 and 12 are dependent on the amended claim 1.

Claims 8 and 11 are dependent on claim 7.

Claim 10 is dependent on the amended claim 9.

Claim 13 is dependent on claim 12.

Claim 17 which is indicated to be allowable has been deleted, and has been included into claim 14.

Claims 15, 16 are dependent on the amended claim 14.

Claim 18 which is indicated to be allowable has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 19 is dependent on the amended claim 18. Claim 20 is dependent on claim 19.

Accordingly, claims 1, 4-16 and 18-20 would appear to be allowable, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is accordingly most respectfully solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner PICKETT are appreciated.

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